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## OREGON COMING EVENTS.

National... livestock... convention,  
Portland, January 12-15.  
Angora goat show, Dallas, Janu-  
ary 14-15.

## The Weather.

Tonight and Thursday, occasional  
rain.

## His Compensation.

Bya Williams Malone, in Leslie's  
Monthly for January.

I'm 'kep' in' when I'm 'tardy,'  
An' I'm 'kep' in' when I'm 'late';  
I'm 'kep' in' for 'position'—  
That means not settin' straight.

I'm 'kep' in' on my joggery,  
My readin' an' my writin',  
An' I'm 'kep' in' some for laughin',  
An' I'm 'kep' in' most for fightin'.

I'm 'kep' in' when my marbles  
Comes rattlin' from my pockets,  
An' sometimes when my matches  
Geta mixed up with my rockets.

I'm 'kep' in' of I whisper,  
An' I'm 'kep' in' of I chaw  
The piece of gum I've borried  
An' am warming in my jaw!

The truth is, 'at I'm 'kep' in'—  
Most everything I do!  
But one jolly thing about it  
Is, the teacher's 'kep' in' too!

## FAREWELL TO 1903.

The last day of the year causes any  
but the best fortified spiritually to  
pause and consider the flight of time.  
Yet time itself is but a myth, unless  
it mark progress and the good use  
that has been made of it.

The successful flight of airships,  
the discovery of radium and birth of  
the baby republic of Panama were  
world events due to 1903.

Fruitful of good harvests, the year  
was punctuated with terrible storms  
and enormous floods that swept our  
country.

The massacre of Jews at Kishineff,  
the Heppner disaster, and then the  
last, but not least, the burning of a  
Chicago theatre with 600 victims, were  
black blotches of misap.

The completion of the Siberian rail-  
road, and the fact that but eight miles  
of railroad were built in Oregon are  
worth noting.

So farewell to 1903. May we never  
see your like again. May we all learn  
to discount time, and defy its ravages.

## THE SALEM JOURNAL HAD A SCOOP.

The Daily Salem Capital Journal  
had an exclusive scoop on Wednesday  
evening, in its account of the  
Chicago theatre fire.

The only Portland evening paper  
that had the news was the second  
edition of the Portland Journal, and  
its story was shorter than ours. But  
the Portland Journal that reached Sa-  
lem had no news of the fire.

The Portland Telegram had not a  
word about the fire in its edition that  
reaches this city about 7 o'clock. No  
second edition of the Telegram  
reached Salem.

That was a clear scoop for the lit-  
tle evening Salem daily, and we have  
a right to pat ourselves on the back  
and snake our own hands.

## MORE "LACHES" OF THE SHORT SESSION.

No one will blame Governor Cham-  
berlain for making a fight for a short  
session of the legislature.

He is a Democrat and had nothing  
to expect of a Republican legislature,  
and had a right to exact any promise  
he thought necessary.

But the Republican legislature, re-  
sponsible for the enactment of salu-  
ary laws, should have taken a de-  
cent time to consider bills after the  
Republican caucus decided to take up  
twenty or thirty subjects.

One by one the mistakes made are  
coming out, and the necessity for  
deliberation on the part of a court or  
a law-making body still appears.

It now appears that the bill to pre-  
vent extermination of the Chinese

pheasant was passed by the house  
without voting on it.

The clerk read the bill, the house  
talked about it, it was sent to the  
senate as passed, when no roll call  
was ever taken.

The bill fixing new fees for county  
recorders is found to have made im-  
portant changes in the interest of the  
"poor man" of course.

For instance a mortgage that cost  
\$125 to record now will cost \$225.  
More mistakes like this, and the fail-  
ure to re-enact the \$300 exemption  
will cost the Republican party dearly.

The Marion county delegation, most  
of whom fought against a three-day  
session, are not to blame for these  
laches of legislative intent.

It has taken a force of clerical ex-  
perts longer to fix up the records than  
the "hangman's" session lasted. These  
"fixers" virtually had the making up  
of the journals of the two houses.

Almost no record was kept, and the  
way business was rushed through  
it was next to impossible to discover  
what has been done. In the senate  
the roll calls were a mere form, few  
if any responding on suspension of  
rules.

May the good Lord protect Oregon  
against another "rapid-fire" legis-  
lature.

## SALEM SCHOOLS ARE PROGRESS- ING.

The annual taxpayers' meeting at  
the city hall last night was a perfect-  
ly harmonious gathering, and there  
was perfect unanimity in support of  
all that has been done for bettering  
public schools.

The board has made a record for  
progress and good financial manage-  
ment that will be heartily endorsed by  
all thinking people.

The school attendance is not what  
it should be, and yet it must be re-  
membered that nearly a thousand  
children and young people are at pri-  
vate schools.

But there are hundreds of children  
not at any school who should be in  
the public schools, and a way should  
be found to get them to attend.

The school board has proven that  
there is no inconsistency in progress  
in the schools, and in good financial  
management.

Debt has been wiped out, salaries  
increased, grades added and addition-  
al teachers employed, without in-  
creasing taxes.

## DIRECT NOMINATION.

The Republicans of Salem at the re-  
cent city election inaugurated the  
Direct Primary system of nominating  
candidates for office.

The plan was so simple and worked  
so well that it is doubtful if any other  
way of making city nominations will  
ever be tried again.

Only five free-holders or voters of  
the Republican party were required to  
put a candidate for Mayor or Al-  
derman on the nominating ticket.

The voters at the Republican pri-  
mary then made choice between the  
several aspirants, whose names ap-  
peared on the Australian voting blank.

Thus the entire ticket was nomi-  
nated and the ticket was successful  
in every ward with the one exception.  
The party was perfectly harmonious.

A movement has been started in  
Clackamas county to initiate a Direct  
Primary law by popular vote at the  
June election.

It requires that the aspirants for  
nomination present a petition with  
names of eight per cent of the voters  
in the district to be represented.

This petition is too large to our way  
of thinking and experience would  
show that it was cumbersome and  
monopolistic.

Another bad feature of the proposed  
law is that it does away with the con-  
ventions altogether, which is too re-  
strictive.

A limited form of direct nomination  
for county tickets should be adopted.

## THE SHODDY EXEMPTION LAW

The householder's \$300 exemption  
law was surreptitiously repealed a few  
years ago.

As soon as that secret changing of  
the assessment law was noticed there  
was demand for its restoration.

The special session pretended to  
pass a law to give back this exemp-  
tion for the protection of the poorer  
class of tax payers.

The pretended exemption allows  
\$300 worth of property to be taken off  
householder, but how?

Now mark where the cinch comes  
in on the poor man: The exemption  
is limited to household good, farming  
implements, and stock.

The laboring man in a town or city  
or small farmer has little or nothing  
to assess of this kind, possibly  
\$50 to \$75 worth. It is exempt.

The well-to-do citizens or well-to-do  
farmers has the full \$300 worth to  
get let off, so it really favors those  
who are best able to pay.

One Democratic senator, Miller, of  
Linn made a fight for the right of all  
persons to have an equal exemption  
of \$300 on their assessment.

But he failed and had the bill

passed as a compromise. Then it  
was let go through so as to not go  
into effect until 1905.

## IS ALCOHOL A FOOD OR POISON?

In the practical affairs of life ex-  
perience has demonstrated precisely  
what the closest scientific investi-  
gations have disclosed, that alcohol  
has not only never been a real aid in  
performing tasks involving the sever-  
est mental and physical exertions,  
but that in all cases it has been an  
actual hindrance to the development  
of the highest capabilities. Evidence  
of this kind meets the investigator on  
every hand, nor need he look to the  
"temperance fanatic" for the most  
emphatic expression of this sort of  
evidence. It comes from dispassion-  
ate, clear-headed, impartial men of  
science, whose entire lives are spent  
in discovering truth, rejecting every-  
thing which has not been tried and  
proved in the crucible of experimen-  
tal evidence.

A writer of the German, Emin  
Pasha's expedition said: "At Baringo  
the last bottle of cognac was con-  
sumed, thereafter we had to drink  
only tea, coffee, and cocoa, and it  
must be confessed that our health be-  
came immediately better."

Nansen's arduous journeys in  
Greenland, and almost to the North  
Pole, were made without a single drop  
of potable alcohol.

Helmholtz, probably the most acute  
thinker, and the strongest man men-  
tally of the nineteenth century, spoke  
at a celebration of his seventieth  
birthday of the ruin wrought to bril-  
liant minds by alcohol, declaring that  
the smallest quantity of alcoholic  
drink, dissipated all philosophic think-  
ing and effort.

Is it not a fatal inconsistency to call  
any substance food which does not  
give increased warmth to the body;  
but, instead, decreases the bodily tem-  
perature; which does not protect the  
nitrogenous tissues from waste, but  
does increase their rate of meta-  
bolism; which does not give added  
power to the brain, but on the con-  
trary, always decreases the quality  
of their product; which does not en-  
able the muscles to contract more  
vigorously, but does, indeed, increase  
their capability of doing work?

Considering the foregoing evidence  
are we not fully justified in calling  
alcohol a poison, meaning thereby,  
that it is a substance inimical to the  
organism, producing injury in small,  
and death in larger quantities? Are  
we not moreover, by the same evi-  
dence, fully justified in denying it a  
place in any classification of foods  
or medicine, because it neither re-  
pairs tissue waste, nor protects the  
organism neither is it a source of or-  
ganic force?

Let us, then, continue to teach our  
boys and girls that alcohol is a poi-  
son; that the fact of its being ox-  
idized in the body, if taken in small  
quantities, is not sufficient to consti-  
tute it a food; and that the normal  
man is never benefitted, but rather  
harmful by it in any quantity.—Alka-  
loidal Clinic.

## A Thorne in the Flesh.

Last night, about 7:30, some lady  
phoned The Journal that the carrier  
had forgotten to leave a paper, as  
carriers have done since time im-  
memorial, and as they will continue to  
do until the heavens are rolled up as  
a scroll, and tied with a drug store  
string, and requested that a paper be  
sent to her on the next penitentiary  
car. The one who received that mes-  
sage, and who pens these lines, prom-  
ised to forward the paper as request-  
ed. He hid himself gaily to the place  
where the papers are usually kept,  
but, like poor Mother Hubbard's cup-  
board, it was bare. Then a raid was  
made in the back office, but there was  
not a Journal to be found. Still, not  
despairing, his efforts were rewarded  
with the copy he sought, and, as he  
came proudly forth, conscious of vic-  
tory, behold! the car was vanishing  
around the corner of State  
street. He didn't grieve, he didn't  
even swear, for it flashed upon his  
mind that he had forgotten to whom  
the paper was to be sent, anyhow.

These lines are written in the hope  
they will catch the eyes of the party  
in interest, and that as the old year  
dies and the new one comes on apace,  
he may be forgiven a seeming discour-  
tesy, and an economical use of the  
truth. He expects to die sometime,  
and to go where carriers, even though  
they should get there, will cease from  
troubling. All other ills that flesh is  
heir to may be borne with equanimity  
and becoming fortitude, but from de-  
ceit, vain glory, hypocrisy—and car-  
riers, good Lord deliver us.

Mrs. Charles G. Dehnung, of Che-  
halis, Wash., a bride of but two  
hours, stepped off the Northern Pa-  
cific ferry at alama, Monday morn-  
ing, and was rescued while sinking the  
second time.

Jakey Smokalem, a Payallup Indian,  
beat his squaw to death on the res-  
ervation near Tacoma Monday. The  
buck was drunk at the time.

## JOURNAL X-RAYS

The awful tragedy at Chicago will  
at least put an end to the disgraceful  
interference with the burial of the  
dead.

Those who chudder at the brutality  
used in hanging or electrocuting a  
murderer should bear in mind that it  
is a very simple matter for the "vic-  
tim" to avoid either punishment. All  
that is necessary is to refrain from  
murder.

Mr. Cleveland does not have to con-  
vince the country of his unavailability  
as a presidential candidate. The coun-  
try is well aware of it. It needs no  
fresh perfume on that violet.

That gambling bill may yet show up  
at the Lewis and Clark fair, as Ex-  
hibit A.

It is said that Amador, who is slated  
for the presidency of Panama, once  
escaped from that country by being  
"headed up" in a lard barrel. The  
story is probably true, for wherever  
there is a barrel there will your  
South American revolutionist be found  
also.

"Tape lines do not a model make,  
nor measurements a form," old com-  
plete altered to suit the latest fad.

Woman's aspirations never were so  
high as man's, and the padding in the  
shoulders of the latest coats proves  
it.

Japan is reported to have bought  
much flour, and Russia is laying in  
large supplies of beef. Must be going  
to start a sandwich factory.

"One touch of nature makes us all  
akin." When Young Corbett had beat-  
en Eddie Hanlon almost to death in  
a prize fight at San Francisco Tues-  
day night, and the referee, fearing he  
might implicate himself in a murder  
if he permitted the fight to go on, had  
stopped it, Young Corbett, so the dis-  
patches tell us, hurried to the side of  
the bruised and battered form of his  
late antagonist, as it was being car-  
ried away, and with womanly tears in  
his swimming eyes—kissed him.

The great meek reading public, who  
are confronted every day, in their  
newspapers, with dispatches about  
Japan and Russia are getting mad  
enough to fight both of them.

If it is proper to sell government  
land to large syndicates, why not re-  
peal the present laws, and then  
charge for the lands what they are  
worth.

The gravel that was put on State  
street early in the fall is about ripe  
to haul off.

If the Republicans do not look out  
the next sheriff of Marion county will  
come from the north end of the coun-  
ty. And it would not be such a bad  
idea, when you look it all over.

Two of the greatest horses in the  
country are to be at Salem this sum-  
mer, Stambec and Diablo.

The Woman and the Mustache.  
Breslau, Dec. 31.—The most mag-  
nificent mustache in Breslau grows on  
the upper lip of Herr Rottger. At a  
convivial gathering the other evening  
he offered to cut it off if the company  
would give \$2 to a charity in which  
he was interested. He was taken up,  
the contract was put in writing, and  
Rottger was to appear the next even-  
ing "all shaven and shorn" and get the  
money.

Rottger did not turn up. Instead  
the postman brought a letter from  
Frau Rottger, who said when she mar-  
ried her husband she also married his  
mustache, adding:  
"His mustache is my mustache. He  
has no right to dispose of it, and the  
contract on your paper is null and  
void. Should you dispute this the  
law courts are open to you."

The "party of the second part" in  
the contract has accepted the wife's  
challenge, and taken legal steps to  
compel Rottger to live up to his bar-  
gain.

## One More Indictment.

Washington, Dec. 31.—An addition-  
al indictment against John Beeson,  
the wealthy real estate dealer of San  
Francisco, who is charged by the in-  
terior department with being the head  
of the alleged land frauds in a dozen  
Western states and territories, has  
been returned by the grand jury.

## London Sympathizes.

London, Dec. 31.—The lord mayor  
today sent Ambassador Choate the  
following: "Citizens of London offer  
their deepest sympathy and sincere  
condolence to the American people in  
the awful loss of life through the fire  
in Chicago."

**Ayer's Cherry Pectoral**  
for the children. One dose at  
bedtime quiets their night  
coughs and prevents croup.  
Ask your doctor.

## SHOT MISSED THE MARK.

Attempted Suicide at Roseburg Re-  
sulted in a Grazed Arm.

E. J. Judd, a frequenter of the sa-  
loons in this city, attempted suicide  
Sunday morning at the Cruiser saloon,  
while in a drunken condition. He  
pulled a large Colts 38-caliber revolv-  
er, and undoubtedly intended to  
shoot himself through the heart, but  
his aim was poor, and the length of  
the barrel of the revolver made such  
a shot difficult for a man in such a  
condition, and the best he could do  
was to graze his left arm with the bul-  
let, cutting a deep gash about two  
inches long. The man fell, and those

present thought he was done for un-  
til the wound was examined. Dr.  
DuGas was called in attendance and  
dressed the wound, the wounded man  
remaining insensible for some hours.  
—Roseburg Plaindealer.

"Portland and Return Only \$2.20."  
The Southern Pacific is now selling  
round trip tickets to Portland from  
Salem for \$2.20, good going Saturday  
or Sunday, returning Sunday and Mon-  
day, giving all day Sunday and Mon-  
day in Portland. The same arrange-  
ment applies from Portland, giving all  
Portland people a chance to visit val-  
ley points at greatly reduced rates.  
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Tumors without the aid of knife or  
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tor, cures all kinds of diseases after  
all other schools have failed, with-  
out the aid of knife or poisons. His  
medicines are composed of Nature's  
herbs; they are gathered and selected  
in various parts of America and for-  
eign countries, at great expense.

Read the Testimonial of a Prominent Salem Man:  
TO THE PUBLIC.

In justice to DR. J. F. COOK, and that the world may know what  
a great work he is doing, I wish to inform them that I have been tak-  
ing treatment from him for the past 15 months, and that in that time  
he has removed from my alimentary canal three tumors of cancer-  
ous growths as large as a man's hand, all from the large intestine. Also  
another cancerous growth of lesser size from off my foot, and another  
from off my thumb. This has all been accomplished through medi-  
cines alone, they killing the growth and spider-like roots, and Na-  
ture itself casting them off without the aid of knife or surgery. I  
dare not believe I could have found equal successful treatment any-  
where in the world, and cheerfully recommend Dr. J. F. Cook, the  
Botanical Doctor, to all who read this testimonial.—R. J. SPENCER.

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